

FORCES IN COAL MINE DISPUTE CONFER TO-DAY

Operators and Miners, Un-
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Terms in McAlpin.

WEN. IN PLEA. ASK
A CHANCE TO LIVE

Base Demands on Huge Profits
In Off Years—Employers May
Give 5 Per Cent Raise.

Attractive coal miners and mine
operators will open at the McAlpin
Hotel this afternoon a wage conference
that is to be fought out exclusively on
points still being prepared by ex-
perts representing both sides. If state-
ments made by both sides are to be
believed, the conference can result in
either a deadlock, since each will con-
sider its position as unyielding, or a
settlement.

Representatives of the miners last
night announced that they would enter
the eight-hour day and recognition
of the union—the most important de-
mands made by the miners—are funda-
mental principles that ought not even
be discussed before being ac-
cepted by the mine operators.

Operators who permitted their plans
to become known met this with the
miners' union positively
refused to consider such a demand, they said,
because to do so would mean that the
miners would be getting a 5 per cent
raise.

But there is a hope of settlement
along the lines of an increased pay con-
sideration by the operators. Although
representatives of the miners have
said that they will not accept such a
plan, it is believed that they might
be willing to agree to a 5 per cent wage
increase, but nothing else.

John White, president of the
United Mine Workers of America, is
confident with writing the document set-
tling the views of the miners.

Miners Ask Chance to Live.
The statement says:
"This is a year of prosperity. Every
man is a year of prosperity for the
miners. They are asking it, not that they
are rich, but that they have no hope
of it. If the demands are granted, the
miners will be able to live."

The anthracite industry is enor-
mously profitable. The railroads that
control the mines have paid
dividends on heavily watered stock.
In 1915 the Reading earned
125 per cent on its common stock
after the payment of all expenses. The
Lehigh Valley 150 per cent, the
Lackawanna 120 per cent, and the
Delaware 120 per cent.

"This was in the bad year of 1915,
when the present prosperity began.
In these years are enormously over-
valued. After paying such huge
dividends the roads are able to pile up
surpluses of \$100,000,000. The Lehigh
has a surplus of \$25,000,000 in 1915."

In 1912 less than nine cents a ton
was added to the total cost of
coal. The consumer paid 25 cents
more, according to the United
States Bureau of Mines. The coal
companies are willing to take advantage of their
monopoly either to deny the just claims
of the men or to gouge the public after
antitrust.

ANTHRAX VICTIM IMPROVES

Arm Swelling Decreases and Tempera-
ture is Normal.
Eugene Hiers, attacked by the here-
tofore deadly anthrax bacillus eight
days ago, yesterday gave promise of
recovery. Propped up among pillows
at Bellevue Hospital, he announced
that he felt better. He had at any
rate some going to the hospital.
The swelling on the affected arm has gone
down and his temperature last night
was normal.

FINDS RICHEST L. I. TOWN

It's North Hempstead, Clerk Says—
Valuation, \$5,136,033.
Town Clerk Thomas O'Connell of
North Hempstead claims that his town
is the richest on Long Island outside
the greater city.

"Some one in South Hampton, Long
Island, has stated that his town is the
wealthiest," said Mr. O'Connell, "but
he's wrong. It's Great Neck. The as-
sessed valuation of the school district
there is \$5,136,033, while the claim of
South Hampton is only a little over
\$3,000,000. Why, we have three over
Washington, Roslyn and Westbury—
where the assessed valuation of the
school districts is over the \$3,000,000
mark."

Ball to Aid Destitute Widows.

A military ball for the benefit of de-
stitute widows will be given in the 69th
Regiment Armory, Lexington Avenue
Hotel, 142 Broadway, February 21,
under the auspices of the Widowed
Mothers' Fund Association, 190 Broad-
way. Tickets at \$1 are on sale at Mc-
Carthy's, Hotel Wallick and Hotel McAl-
pin. There will be prizes for dancing.

Sunday Thirsts Disable Three.

Three men attempted to enter the
saloon at 631 West Forty-eighth Street
by a side door yesterday afternoon.
The men inside, who were persistent
possessors of a thirst, were persistent
in their refusal to leave. A fight ensued,
in which the three, all of West Hoboken,
were seriously injured. They were
taken to the Polytechnic Hospital.

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Spokane, Feb. 20.—Five persons were
killed and six injured today when a
passenger train, known as the North Coast Limited,
eastbound, crashed into the rear end
of a Northern Pacific & Burlington
train, also eastbound, at South Cheney,
Wash., seventeen miles from Spokane.

RESISTS HOLDUP; DYING

Cafe Patron, Who Tries to Save Other
Diners, Robbed and Shot.
John Glasco's efforts to save half a
dozen patrons of a restaurant at 330
East Eleventh Street from armed hold-
up men last night cost him \$300, a dia-
mond ring and, probably, his life. He
was sitting in a secluded corner of the
restaurant when the two men ordered
the patrons to hold up their hands.
Everybody had complied but Glasco,
who was seated in such a position
that he could not see. He decided to
try to save the other victims. He
sprang for the two men and succeeded
in knocking one of the revolvers to
the floor. The other man fired at him
and shot through his abdomen.
Then he removed his money and the
ring. It was said at Bellevue Hospital,
where Glasco is being treated, that he
probably would die.

FIRE ROUTS FIFTY FAMILIES

Factory Destroyed—Truck Skids, In-
juring Two.
Fire discovered shortly after mid-
night in the seven story brick paper-
box factory at 8, 10 and 12 Jones Street
caused fifty families to flee from ad-
joining tenements in their nightclothes
and gave Acting Chief "Smoky Joe"
Martin's men one of the toughest jobs
they have had in months. Three alarms
were turned out in addition to the
dense smoke that settled over the con-
gested district surrounding the burn-
ing factory, the firemen were hampered
by lack of room to utilize their ap-
paratus.

POST-MORTUARY BABY WILL LIVE, DOCTORS SAY

Jersey City Child Normal and
Apparently on Road to Health.
The son of Mrs. Mary Dooley, who
was born after her mother's death in
the Jersey City Hospital Saturday af-
ternoon, is reported to be well star-
ting on the road to healthy life. Dr. Irwin
Mekowitz, assistant house physician,
detected a faint heart beat in the blue
and apparently lifeless bit of humanity
that he brought from the operating
room.

After the doctor and four nurses had
worked over the infant for half an
hour the pulse and breathing became
regular. Physicians at the hospital
said that this was the first case of a
successful post-mortuary Caesarian
operation at that institution. They
also declared that not more than six
similar operations had been performed
in any country in the last ten years.

Within fifty-five seconds after Dr.
Mekowitz found that Mrs. Dooley had
had performed the operation.

HURLS LAMP TO FIRE PARTNER'S HESITATION

Woman Dislike Slow Dance—
Police Extinguish Victim.
It looked as if the birthday party at
29 Fifth Street, Williamsburg, was go-
ing to be a dull affair, when at 3
o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Bertha
Dubis announced that her partner
wasn't doing the hesitation properly.
The sudden accusation brought quick
action.

Mrs. Dubis stopped an arm jab from
the list of her dancing partner, Peter
Serensky, on the top of her jaw and
quietly awaited the result. Serensky
was burning lamp struck, according
to the police charge, by Mrs. Dubis.
The lamp exploded, and Mrs. Dubis
brightened things and the police
arrived and extinguished him.

Eight other men and women, names
unknown, were struck or burned, but
got away. Mrs. Dubis and Serensky
were held by Magistrate Esterbrook
in the Bedford Avenue police court
charged with assault.

MOTHERS SEE ELOPERS WED

Long Island Lawyer and Girl Get
License—Then Tell Parents.
Alison Wyson, son of Dr. D. Pres-
ton Wyson, and Miss Margaret Gris-
com, daughter of Walter Griscom, of
Port Washington, were married by the
Rev. C. A. Newbold at his home in
Manhasset Saturday evening.

Wyson, who practices law with his
brother, Charles, former District
Attorney of Nassau County, and his
bride slipped away from their parents
and their marriage license. They
then informed their parents of their
plans. Later they went to the home
of Mr. Newbold, an uncle of the bride,
where the ceremony was performed.
They will make their home in
Port Washington.

Two Poisonings Within Week

Alarm Carnegie Churchgoers
(By Telegram to the Tribune.)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 20.—Residents
of Carnegie are alarmed over two
church poisonings within a week. The
latest victims, including Bessie R. J.
Harned, attended the Carnegie Church
supper last night. One week earlier
churchgoers were kept busy attending
them. Victims complained
of violent nausea and weakness.
A few of the cases are serious, but
all the diners are expected to recover.
Dr. J. A. Hamma said the symptoms
pointed to arsenical poisoning, but
other physicians differ in their opin-
ions. Following closely upon the Epis-
copal Church case, and with stories of
the Chicago dinner fresh in their minds,
the stricken patrons of the second sup-
per were terrified. A quiet investiga-
tion is being made.

SHELL STAFF HEADQUARTERS

Four Russians in Plane Drop Thirty
Bombs on Austrians.
Paris, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from
Basle, Switzerland, gives the Vienna
newspapers as authority for the state-
ment that a large Russian aeroplane,
carrying four aviators, yesterday
dropped thirty bombs on Austrian Staff
Headquarters.

Dr. Lord to Leave Dartmouth

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 20.—After ser-
vice of forty-seven years as a mem-
ber of the Dartmouth College faculty,
Dr. John King Lord, professor of Latin
and literature, will retire on June 30.
His resignation was offered on account
of the health of his wife. Dr. and Mrs.
Lord are now in the South. Dr. Lord
was vice-president of Dartmouth from
1893 to 1909 and acting president 1892-
93 and 1894-95.

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CRONES CRANKS SEND FAKE NOTES

Police Not Deterred in
Search for Poisoner by
Spurious Letters.
Crank and practical jokers are mak-
ing futile efforts by the use of letters
to confuse the police in their efforts
to apprehend Jean Crones, the an-
archist chief who tried to poison a
party of some 200 Catholics at a din-
ner given in honor of Archbishop Mon-
teale in Chicago.

CHURCHES GUARDED THROUGHOUT CITY

Special Details at St. Patrick's
Cathedral and Home of
Cardinal Farley.
All communications receive the most
minute consideration, but two that
came in yesterday, according to the po-
lice, are palpable frauds.

The first, addressed to the "chief of
police of New York City," and marked
"Important," was scribbled in pencil
on a cable dispatch blank of the West-
ern Union Telegraph Company, and
was posted at the Grand Central Sta-
tion. The blank is thought to have
been procured at the station. The letter
was folded, and, without stamp or
envelope, was dropped into the letter
box.

When sorting the mail a postoffice
clerk read the letter, and on advice of
the superintendent it was sent to Police
Headquarters, where it was turned
over to Inspector John J. Gray.

"Of course, I am not a handwriting
expert," he said, "but after a careful
perusal of the note, and after compar-
ing it with those we believe to be gen-
uine letters from Crones, I am con-
vinced that it is spurious. It is my
opinion that neither of the two notes
received to-day was written or inspired
by Crones."

"I am sorry," wrote the author of the
note posted at the Grand Central Sta-
tion, "to leave the good city of New
York, just for my safety sake. I like
better that you really not clever at
all. Yours detectives looking for me
and no one can catch me. I was in
Grand Central station this night at 25
past 11. Thanks for your kindness."
JEAN CRONES.

A signed letter sent from Washington
to a local newspaper was turned over
to Inspector Gray, and the latter re-
plied as the creation of a crank. It
was rambling in composition and
dwelled upon the writer's desire to
"lead the police in a merry chase and
eventually send them all to hell."

In keeping with their policy to place
a special guard upon churches, espe-
cially those of the Roman Catholic de-
nomination, the police placed men
around the cathedral and the home of
the cardinal in the evening. A special detail
was assigned to St. Patrick's Cathedral
and to the home of Cardinal Farley.

George F. Bailey, a policeman from
the Charles Street station, was high-
lighted at Headquarters last night for
his efforts to find Crones. He made
an inspection of all restaurants on his
post. At a place in Hudson Street he
was informed by the proprietor that
a kitchen man had been taken on three
days ago. The man said he was a
Frenchman, thirty-eight years old. At
his lodgings were found a revolver and
a shotgun, both loaded. He was ar-
rested for violating the Sullivan law.

The police issued a midnight circular
describing as twenty-four years old,
5 feet 7 inches in height, weight
150 pounds, dark, crisp, bushy hair,
brushed back; pale complexion, high
cheekbones, piercing look, and when
wearing a cap or soft hat. Stoop-should-
ered and walks fast, with a long,
swinging gait. Very quiet and neat
appearing and travels alone. Nervous
manner. Born either in Undingen or
Cologne, Germany. Speaks French,
German and English, with a German
accent.

One of the few tangible clues to the
whereabouts of Crones reached Captain
Tunney in the evening. It was a
letter, addressed to the East Side
Fourth Street. He said that he had
met a man resembling the pictures
of Crones published in yesterday's
papers while walking on the East Side
of several places that might have
been used as a retreat for the an-
archist on the East Side failed to re-
veal him, however.

Missing Sandhog's Body Found Off Brooklyn Pier

The body of Michael McCarthy, of
1702 Third Avenue, the missing victim
of the Brooklyn subway accident Sat-
urday, was found at the foot of Mont-
ague Street by the police yesterday.
The body was blown up through the East
River. The body was found near the
bulkhead, a considerable distance from
the scene of the accident.

Travis H. Whitney, secretary of the
Public Service Commission, spent two
hours yesterday examining conditions
at the Montague Street terminal.
He said that no work had been done
yesterday to repair the damage because
the water had gone as far through the
tunnel as its own level and then stopped.
The work of repairing will start this
morning early, when a trolley car dump
turned the water into the hole in the
tunnel. It is again able to with-
stand the pressure of air. The water
will then be pumped out of the tunnel.

4 HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Jersey City Party Is Thrown Out
When Taxi Is Shunted Into Pillar.
Four persons were injured early yes-
terday morning in a crash when a taxi
turned into a pillar and was shunted
into an elevated railroad pillar and
sixth street. One machine was thrown
into an elevated railroad pillar and
upset. The injured, who were inside,
are Dr. Ralph P. Richmond, thirty-four,
and his wife, thirty-two, of 85 5th
Avenue, Jersey City, and their guests,
William Holtz, forty-three, of 78 Edgemoor
Street, Newark, Conn., and Mrs.
Minnie Holtz, his wife, Isaac F. Ban-
nann, chauffeur, of 360 Montgomery
Street, Jersey City, was thrown out
but not hurt. Mrs. Johnson and Tay-
lor, from the New York Hotel, treated
the injured for cuts and bruises.

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SANDHOG SHOT UP THROUGH RIVER.



Marshall Mahey and son, Marshall, Jr., who probably will be a sandhog, too, his mother says.

SANDHOG TRUSTED HE'D LAND SAFELY

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I had time to think. That's funny,
isn't it?
"I suppose I was a second coming
up through the river bed. But I had
time to remember that another fellow
had been caught in a blow-out over on
the Hudson and had reached the sur-
face all right. I thought to myself:
'Old chap, if he did it, you can.'"
Then I reached water, still going
sideways. I sort of up-ended then
and started the surface. My leg
was numb and I wondered if I
would be able to swim.
"They say I went twenty feet in the
air when I came up. I don't remember
that, but I do recollect swimming to a
pier. The water was heavily cold, and
the pile I hung to was all ice and I
kept slipping. The crowd on the dock
was yelling at me, but they didn't seem
to be doing anything. I called: 'You
chaps are going to get a rope, you'd
best do it soon.' I was getting pretty
tired.

"I don't know whether I'll go back to
work Monday," Mahey debated. "She
was here last night, and I'll have to let
her get over her worry a little. And
then I haven't seen either of the kid-
dies this Sunday. I wonder how soon
that doctor is going to let me go home."
The two other men who were blown
out of the tunnel are dead. Frank
Driver died before rescue reached him.
The body of John McCarthy was found
late yesterday.

Tube Work Not More Perilous than War, Says Mahey's Wife

"I guess it's no more dangerous being
a sandhog than a soldier in the
trenches, as my husband would have
been if he hadn't left England four
years ago," sighed pale-faced Mrs.
Mahey yesterday.

Around the four story tenement
where the Maheys live, at 89 Theodore
Street, Astoria, there is a little colony
of sandhogs many of whom have been
miners in England. Yesterday after-
noon the men had crowded into the
kitchen, where Marshall Mahey, who
had just been dismissed from Brooklyn
Hospital, propped upon a couch, was
telling of his miraculous escape from
the bottom of a tunnel. A select group
of women, Mrs. Mahey, unable to keep
her eyes long off her husband, kept
darting into the outer room.

"Sure, he'll likely be a sandhog,
said Mrs. Mahey, the flaxen head
of Marshall Mahey, Jr., a year and sev-
en months old. "His folks have been
miners for a long ways back. Am
I right, Mahey?" she asked. "What
did he do in the tunnel? What would
it get me into if I went down there?
I'd leave at once. I don't want to worry
people. And if I found my memory
failing, I'd leave, too. But I'm sorry
I can't get my lines now as quickly
as you."

Mrs. Whiffen said she attributed her
long and active life to the fact that
she was a sound sleeper.
Recent plays in which Mrs. Whiffen
has been seen are "Moloch," "The
Beautiful Adventure," "Rosemary" and
"Tante." In all of these she has played
the part which she specialized in thirty-
five years ago—that of the old
woman. "I've acted the old woman so
much, I just naturally had to grow to
be one," said Mrs. Whiffen, laughing.

In her long career Mrs. Whiffen has
been under the management of both
Daniel and Charles Frohman, and has
supported among others, Elsie Miller,
Margaret Anglin, Mary Manning,
James K. Hackett, James A. Herne,
John Drew and Ethel Barrymore.

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In reply Mrs. Tatler alleges that her
husband is a vagabond, fugitive from
justice and an impostor.
"That's a lie," answered Tatler in a
supplementary bulletin from the jail.
He owns property in Bergenfield.

BOY STRIKE KING NEVER WILL QUIT

"If My People Are Sav-
ages, So Am I," Says An-
sonia High School Youth.
Ansonia, Conn., Feb. 20.—Joe Grohol,
called King Joe by the striking Hun-
kies and Little Boss by the Italians and
Lithuanians and Poles of this sleepy
town, was playing a solitary game of
checkers underneath the flimsy gas jet
that set shadows jumping on the walls
of the home he shares with his sister,
Mary Ann.

INFORMS AGITATORS THEY'RE NOT WANTED

Will Be No Vicious Tactics, He
Guarantees, but Employers
Must Come to Terms.
"I'm going to fight for my people!"
cried the youth, who has done more
for peace than could one hundred rifles.
"I'll fight till I ain't got any more
strength. They call 'em savages, beasts,
foreigners. Well, then, I'm a savage
and a beast and a foreigner, too."

"My father worked in one of these
shops," said young Joseph, folding his
legs under him, tailor-wise. "I worked
in one of them. Those foreigners had
to have a leader—just had to. I
stumbled into the leadership blindly.
For I had no more idea of it last Thurs-
day than the man in the moon."

"They rented a hall in a building
that belonged to my father, who died
three weeks ago. I was there to see
the agitators get on a platform and the
men ran about like sheep. They did
not know what they were doing. Those
agitators were blinding them, showing
them violence."

"I decided I'd have to get into the hall
the agitators would have to stop. I
suggested that a committee be elected
and they elected a committee. They
followed other suggestions and mine and
seemed to look to me as their leader."

"Joe knows seven languages," inter-
jected Mary Ann, with a look of pride.
"Yes, I know 'em fairly well," ad-
mitted young Joseph, who had been
reading the story of Naomi
and Ruth, went on Joe. "Well, it's
my story. When I saw that these
people were practically leaderless, except-
ing for a few loud mouthed agitators,
I decided I'd have to get into the hall.
They're ignorant, but they're good peo-
ple at heart. All they want is a kind
word instead of blows and curses.
They're asking for a fair, decent wage,
so that they'll be able to live like
their American neighbors. Is there
anything wrong in that? You bet there
isn't. That's why they're striking.
That's why I'm helping them. That's
why I'm going to be my life work to
help them."

"Lo, Joe," greeted one of three men
who entered. They were foreigners,
their faces tanned by work in the fields.
Their Sabbath clothing spotted with
dirt and was the sign of their work.
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"That's the kind of people this town
calls savages," Joe sneered. "We had
a mass meeting at Sarsfield Hall this
morning. We had a conference with
the officials of the American Brass
Company. We outlined our request.
I cannot tell you what transpired until
after our mass meeting to-morrow
morning, but I can tell you that those
requests have become demands."

"What are they?" Grohol was asked.
"Better wages. Shorter hours, and
safety. That's what we want. And
there's going to be a fight. But there won't
be any vicious tactics."

Company Will Not Grant Chief Demands, Says Official

Ansonia, Conn., Feb. 20.—A. S. Brown,
manager of one of the mills, said to-
night that another conference with
the strikers would be held to-morrow.
The company is still in a one-act sketch
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Brown is of the opinion that the
mills will not reopen until after
Wednesday. Wednesday is payday, and
the strikers who have a few days' pay
due them, will be paid as usual, with
an increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour, as
previously announced. Brown believes
that after the men find the extra pay
in their pockets many of them will
be willing to return to work.

The prospect of the strike spreading
to other factories here is causing uneasiness. The 200 employees of the Os-
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of from 15 to 25 cents an hour, will
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sponse, they say, it is also reported
that there is unrest among employes
of the Ansonia Manufacturing Com-
pany, makers of brass novelties.

South Barrre, Mass., Feb. 20.—Joseph
J. Ector, I. W. W. agitator, addressed
a large gathering of Italian mill work-
ers this afternoon, saying that a war-
rant for his arrest had been issued in
Ansonia, Conn., said:
"I am leaving South Barrre to-night,
headed in that direction, and the prob-
lem is to get a chance to serve
that warrant to-morrow morning."

FISH DECRIES TOWN WASTE

Blames Inefficient Officials for Tax Rate
Higher Than Manhattan's.
Stuyvesant Fish, one of the largest
property owners in Putnam County, has
made a new statement to the people
of the county condemning the waste of
public money in the town, county, state
and nation.

He criticizes the fact that in Philip-
town, where his county estate is, the
tax rate for 1916 was \$24.85, more
than that in Manhattan, which he
estimates will be about \$20.40.